

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

INSPECTION REPORT

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MACS LAND EXOTICS INC CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO

4400 COOK ROAD ROCKWELL, NC 28138 Customer ID: 1891 Certificate: 55-C-0002

Site: 002

CHARLOTTE METRO ZOO

Inspection

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: NOV-15-2003

2.131 (c)(2) HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

- (2) A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact.
- (3) During public exhibition, dangerous animals such as lions, tigers, wolves, bears, or elephants must be under the direct control and supervision of a knowledgeable and experienced animal handler.

**While I was observing the activities in the store there was a short period of time when there was no employees present in the retail/photo section of the store. During this time, a young adult male was able to reach over the enclosure wall for the lion cub. This young man was attempting to call the cub to him by patting on the inside of the enclosure. He was able to reach far enough into the enclosure that if the lion cub had come over to him he would have been able to touch her. The period of time the employee was not present was enough to allow this to happen. Also there is no way to prevent individual from reaching over the enclosure wall. Both of these allowed for the potential of public contact with a dangerous animal.

I talked with the employees of the store and sawhorses were place in front of the lion enclosure to prevent the public from reaching over the enclosure wall and a employee will be present at all times.

To remain correct from this day forward.

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